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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP RCE**
Ming Bo Wang et al.)
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**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2007, applicants submitted a Notice Of Appeal on April 22, 2008. The period for filing an appeal brief having been extended for 5 months to November 22, 2008 (a Saturday) by petition submitted concurrently herewith, applicants now timely submit a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, requesting reconsideration of the application on the basis of the attached evidence and the following remarks: